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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CMPDI OFFICIALS (COAL INDIA LIMITED)

REF: SHAFER/MILLER LETTER OF JULY 7, 1976

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USGS PROCEEDING ASAP WITH A TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SIX CMPDI OFFICIALS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE US THIS FALL.

2. THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PRIORITY SUBJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR VISIT:

(A) EXPLORATION METHODOLOGY FOR COAL INCLUDING NEW DRILLING TECHNIQUES AND THE APPLICATION OF GEOPHYSICAL METHODS (BOTH SURFACE AND BOREHOLD). THIS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE UNDERGROUND GEOPHYSICS;

(B) GEO-DATA MANAGEMENT INCLUDING APPLICATION OF COMPUTER TO COAL EXPLORATION;

(C) HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AS APPLIED TO COAL MINING; AND

(D) ENGINEERING GEOLOGICAL STUDIES INCLUDING ROCK MECHANICS AS APPLIED TO COAL MINING.

3. PLANS CALL FOR DEPARTING INDIA SEPTEMBER 21, 1976 FOR NORWAY WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND IGCP CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1,

1976 FOLLOWED BY THREE WEEKS IN THE U K. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE NEW YORK OCTOBER 27 AND REMAIN IN THE US FOR THREE WEEKS AND CANADA ONE WEEK.

4. IN SCHEDULING THEIR US ITINERARY THERE ARE TWO KNOWN STOPS, LOG MASTER SERVICES, INC. ENID, OKLA, WHICH HAS OFFERED TO ARRANGE A FIELD TRIP (THIS FIRM HAS SOLD 2 LOG MASTER LOGGING UNITS TO CIL) AND THE COAL GEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM, DENVER, COLO NOV 8-11, 1976. TEAM HAS ALSO EXPRESSED SPECIFIC INTEREST IN VISITING AREAS IN WESTERN US EMPLOYING NEW EXPLORATION TECHNIQUES INCLUDING DEEP DRILLING.

5. AIR INDIA IS HANDLING TRAVEL, BUT OFFICIALS MAY NEED SOME ASSISTANCE ARRANGING HOTEL/MOTEL RESERVATIONS IN U.S. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE USGS COORDINATING ACTIVITIES WITH THE CANADIAN GEOLOGICAL SERVICE.

6. A COPY OF T.N. BASU'S LETTER OF AUGUST 26TH 1976 COVERING THE ABOVE IS BEING POUCHED.SAXBE

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